County Court of Union County

La Grande, Oregon

FROM THE OFFICE OF
EARLE C. MISENER, COUNTY JUDGE

BERNAL D. HUG, COMMISSIONER
R. W. SCHAAD, COMMISSIONER

Next meeting

August 14, 1968

City Offices
Elgin, Oregon

Attention: Mr. Robert Wiles, Jr.

Dear Honorable Wiles:

Attached hereto is a draft of an ordinance which can be inacted by your City Council. Also attached is a copy of the letter to the Union County Civil Defense Director which gives in some detail the reason for the ordinance.

As you may know, it cost very little more to incorporate the slanting technique in a new type construction of schools or municipal buildings.

Your attention is invited to note #1 in the next to last paragraph of the attached letter. Please inform this office of the person you so designated.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Earle C. Misener

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July 24, 1968

Mr. Everett Cornett, Director
Union County Civil Defense
P.O. Box 992
La Grande, Oregon 97850

Dear Everett:

Enclosed is a draft of a proposed county court order or resolution which, if adopted, would require the use of "slanting" techniques in the design of new, or additions to existing, public buildings in Union County, subject to certain exceptions. "Slanting" is the inclusion, at little or no increase in cost or reduction of efficiency, of certain architectural and engineering features into structures, to protect personnel from fallout gamma radiation in event of an emergency.

The preparation of this document is part of the CSP process. Since adoption of such an order by the County Court would not apply to new city structures inside city limits, comparable ordinances have been drafted for the cities of La Grande, Elgin and Union.

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The point of this letter is that there are several things you can help complete:

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Elgin, Oregon

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COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELGIN

Minutes of _____, 1968

An Ordinance submitted by Councilman _____

AN ORDINANCE concerning incorporation of fallout shelter within city owned structures.

WHEREAS, loss of life of sickness can occur from exposure to unusual quantities of radiation;

WHEREAS, such radiation can result from enemy attack or accidental nuclear explosions;

WHEREAS, adequate protection from such radiation can be obtained by slanting the construction of structures to include such protection at little or no extra cost;

WHEREAS, such slanted structures will give increased protection to occupants from windstorms, earthquakes, and similar natural disasters;

WHEREAS, a lack of adequate shelter now exists in the City of Elgin and increases in population will further increase the need for such shelter;

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of protection of the general public from such hazards, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) Every office, board, department, commission or commissions of the City of Elgin, charged with the duty of preparing specifications, or awarding or entering into contracts for the design, erection, or construction of buildings, or other structures, including additions to existing structures, for the City, shall incorporate or cause to be incorporated in such buildings, or other structures, fallout protection for at least its normal anticipated population which shall meet or exceed the minimum space and fallout protection criteria recommended by the Office of Civil Defense, United States Department of Defense, unless exempted from such shelter requirement in accordance with subsection (2) of this Ordinance.

(2) The Common Council of the City of Elgin may exempt buildings or structures from this requirement by means of a letter of exemption, where they find that such incorporation of fallout shelter will create an additional net cost in the construction of such structure in excess of _____ percent (____%) of the estimated cost thereof without shelter so incorporated, or that other factors as they may determine make unnecessary or impracticable the incorporation of fallout shelter in such structure.

(3) It shall be the policy of the City of Elgin that fallout shelter be incorporated in all public buildings in the City to the fullest extent practicable, in order to provide such protection to the greatest number of people.

Dated this ___ day of _____, 1968.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Recorder